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HOSPITAL AND TRAINING-SCHOOL ITEMS



HOSPITALS

THE NURSES' SANATORIUM AUXILIARY

"No CALLING in life is more noble than the one which has for its object the care of the sick. No class is more self-sacrificing. No task is so great, no contagion so dangerous, as to cause the professional nurse to refuse the call of duty or to neglect it when once undertaken.

"Frequently, however, after prolonged and constant watchfulness for others she herself becomes the patient and needs the care she has so willingly given to others.

"Experience has demonstrated that the life and environment of the professional nurse predispose to tuberculosis. Of all diseases which she finds it necessary to combat, tuberculosis probably leaves its deadly effect upon her more frequently than any. When health is threatened, the small savings from her arduous labor offer little chance for a change of climate, and for her the hope of restored health becomes small indeed.

"With these facts established, it would seem the part of wisdom for those whose duty it is to care for others to think just a little of themselves and their own welfare if sickness should overtake them.

"It is for the purpose of overcoming some of the hardships which are in store for many who are in the ranks of graduate nurses that a *coöperative plan for self-protection* is proposed.

"With this object in view a self-appointed committee has undertaken to formulate plans and to take steps to organize the graduate nurses of the country into a body to carry the approved plans to completion.

"Such an organization, with systematic coöperation, can with little expense or effort do much to alleviate the hardships of its unfortunate members. The committee has carefully investigated many plans and has canvassed the field for most favorable conditions and opportunities. The Committee on Organization, after careful investigation, is convinced that the plans best suited to its purpose are those formulated and adopted by the Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium, of Denver, Col.

"The Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium is a national institution designed for the care and treatment of tuberculosis. The institution was incorporated under the laws of Colorado March 23, 1901, and is endorsed and supported by the best citizens in every section of the country. The institution is now in the formative state and is worthy of universal support.

"The purpose of the institution is to enable persons threatened with tuberculosis or in the early stage of the disease to avail themselves of a change of climate and find home comforts at a minimum cost. The institution is industrial, educational, and coöperative in its nature. Willing patients who are able will find opportunities for light, remunerative employment. The institution will assist patients to help themselves.

"To carry out the purpose of the organization the committee recommends the following plan:

"THE NURSES' SANATORIUM AUXILIARY.

"It is proposed to establish a Nurses' Auxiliary in connection with the Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium, of Denver, Col., for the following reasons:

"(1) The Rocky Mountain region is preëminently adapted to the treatment of tuberculosis.

"(2) The Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium is an institution founded upon ideal principles.

"(3) The institution is not conducted for profit.

"(4) Patients when able and willing will be furnished with remunerative employment which will enable them to be to a degree self-supporting.

"PLAN OF ORGANIZATION.

"(a) It is proposed that an organization be formed of graduate nurses.

"(b) Said organization to coöperate in the endowment of cottages or pavilions in connection with the Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium.

"(c) Said cottages or pavilions to be used by members of the organization who may become threatened or afflicted with tuberculosis.

"(d) Graduate nurses from any part of the United States or Canada may become members of the auxiliary.

"(e) Any graduate nurse who is not already suffering from tuberculosis may become a member of the auxiliary.

"(f) The dues for each member shall be five dollars per year, payable in advance.

"(g) All necessary incidental expenses, such as stationery, postage, etc., shall be paid from the funds raised from the annual dues of the members.

"(h) All remaining funds secured from annual dues or otherwise shall be utilized for the purpose of erecting cottages or pavilions. Said cottages or pavilions shall be located on the site of the Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium and shall be named in honor of the Nurses' Sanatorium Auxiliary and be used by its members.

"(i) Any member of the Auxiliary who shall become threatened or afflicted with tuberculosis must be examined by some member of the Examining Board of the Rocky Mountain Industrial Sanatorium before being admitted to the institution.

"(j) Any member of the organization who is admitted to the institution shall also have the benefit of the coöperative and remunerative industries of the institution.

"(k) Members of the Auxiliary who shall be admitted to the institution shall assist each other when able without compensation.

"(l) Furthermore, when the services of a nurse are required in the institution, said nurses, when able, will be given the opportunity to care for other patients, which will further assist them in becoming self-supporting in the institution.

"(m) Members of the Nurses' Sanatorium Auxiliary shall be accommodated in their apartments in the order of their application. Should their apartments become filled, a waiting-list shall be formed and accommodations given them as soon as vacancy shall occur or as soon as new apartments can be constructed."

On the General Advisory Board are the names of many prominent physicians.

Mrs. Dita H. Kinney, Superintendent of the Army Nurse Corps, is our voucher for the reliability of the above.

MR. EDWARD TUCK, of Boston, who has lived for many years in Paris, has decided to defray the entire expense of the American Hospital in Paris, for which ground has been bought in the Passy Quarter. It is to be named "The Franklin Hospital," be modelled on the American plan, and managed entirely by American physicians and nurses. The demand for American nurses in Paris is increasing, and we understand that the few who are there have had a very busy year.

MRS. HANNAH N. L. SHERMAN, of Lawrence, Long Island, has given to the Post-Graduate Hospital of New York twenty-five thousand dollars, to be used towards the support of a new ward for women and children who are afflicted with nervous diseases. The ward is to contain fourteen beds, five of which will be supported in perpetuity by Mrs. Sherman's gift. The naming of the new ward has been left to Mrs. Sherman, and she has decided to call it the Hope Ward. The five beds will be called the Lawrence beds.

Two new free wards for colored patients have recently been added to St. Joseph's Hospital, Baltimore, the money for their erection having been the gift of the late Louis Doda (colored).

THE Ladies' Hospital Association of Pine Bluff, Ark., has accumulated ten thousand dollars, with which it intends to build a public hospital.

TRAINING-SCHOOL NOTES

AMONG the changes that have recently been made in the curriculum of the Massachusetts General Hospital Training-School is an arrangement by which twelve pupils yearly are being sent to the Sloane Maternity and to the Lying-in Hospital of New York. Twelve yearly are sent in exchange to the Children's Hospital of Boston, going in details, each of four nurses.

Each nurse serves a term in the etherizing-rooms of the hospital, and is carefully instructed in the administration of anæsthetics. This is in addition to her regular operating-room experience.

The addition to the "Thayer"—the nurses' home—adds greatly to the facilities of the school. This is quite as large as the original building, and its special features are a gymnasium on the ground-floor, used also as a lecture-room, a general sitting-room on each floor, and a roof garden overlooking the Charles River, which is very delightful.

ANOTHER evidence of the enterprise of the nurses of Orange, N. J., will soon be before us. They have received a gift from the Training-School authorities, a tract of land on which they propose to erect a contagious hospital for nurses. Owing to some conflicting details in the government of the three adjoining cities, no provision has been made for the care of contagious cases. People so afflicted must be cared for in their own homes. This does not provide for the homeless nurse. She cannot be received at "Head-Quarters," nor is there any place open to her, though she is expected to run every risk and respond to all calls, no matter what may be their nature. Prompted by the forethought of protecting

themselves that they may be more fearless in caring for others, these women have formulated this excellent plan and are putting forth every energy to further its interest. It is a worthy project, in which they will have the sympathy of every thinking nurse.

THE Toronto General Hospital Training-School has for many years had a warm friend and benefactress in Mrs. Colonel Hamilton, and on Tuesday evening, February 25, she presented to the school a handsome silver punch-bowl bearing a suitable inscription. Miss Snively and Dr. O'Reilly replied, thanking Mrs. Hamilton on behalf of the nurses. On the same occasion the pupil nurses presented an ebony toilet set and an opal and diamond ring to Miss F. E. Sharpe, who has been supervisor of night nurses in the Toronto General for nearly five years. Miss Sharpe was also presented with a silver writing-set by the members of the Alumnae Association of the Toronto General Hospital, of which organization she has been secretary for a number of years. Miss Sharpe goes to Woodstock to take charge of the hospital there.

THE advance sheets of the report of the Commissioner of Education for 1899 and 1900 show that there are in the United States four hundred and thirty-three training-schools for nurses, and in these schools there are eleven hundred and forty-five male students and ten thousand nine hundred and eighty-six female. Several of these institutions do not give the length of term which the nurses must serve, but of those that do report, there are two hundred and seventy-three that require a two-years' course and one hundred and thirty-eight that require a three-years' course. It is estimated that about three thousand five hundred and fifty nurses graduate annually.

THE Boston Insane Hospital has established a post-graduate course for training in the care of the insane. Candidates must have had not less than a two-years' training in a general hospital and hold a diploma from their school. The course is for three months. Upon satisfactory completion of the post-graduate course pupils will receive a certificate from the hospital. The Boston Insane Hospital is situated within the limits of the city of Boston, where it is possible to attend lectures, visit libraries, and numerous other sources of instruction. There are about two hundred women patients received annually, affording a varied and interesting clinic.

By the will of the late Mrs. Osborn the New York City Training-School for Nurses connected with Bellevue Hospital has received as a gift the Nurses' Home, 426 East Twenty-sixth Street, which it has occupied for many years. The other institutions which have received legacies are the Society for the Relief of Half-Orphan and Destitute Children, the New York Cooking School, and the New York City Mission and Tract Society. The balance of the estate is to be equally divided between the two sons of the testatrix, Professor Henry Fairfield Osborn, of Columbia University, and William Church Osborn, of New York.

MISS GENEVIEVE COOKE, graduate of the Children's Hospital, San Francisco, has taken a special course of instruction in the Harvard School of Physical Training, and in the corrective exercises for feeble and deformed children in the orthopædic clinic of the Children's Hospital, Boston, and has opened a gymnasium where physicians may send their patients for such treatment at 140 Fern Avenue, San Francisco. There are nurses in charge of such work for orthopædic surgeons,

but we think Miss Cooke is the first nurse to establish a gymnasium on independent lines where all physicians may send patients.

MISS IRENE SUTLEIFFE, for many years the superintendent of the Training-School for Nurses of the New York Hospital, on Fifteenth Street, New York, has been seriously ill for several months and has resigned her position. Her sister, Miss Ida Sutleiffe, who has had charge of the Training-School of the Long Island College Hospital, Brooklyn, N. Y., for a long time, it is reported, has also given up her position.

THE graduating exercises of the Grace Hospital Training-School of Detroit, Mich., were held on the evening of February 13 at the Nurses' Home. A class of twelve women and four men nurses received diplomas. This is the first class to graduate since the establishment of the three-years' course. The exercises were interesting and appropriate, and were followed by a reception and refreshments.

MISS MINA RUSSELL, graduate of the Royal Victoria Hospital, Montreal, and recently connected with Dr. Bull's Hospital, New York, has taken charge of one of the private wards at Lakeside Hospital, Cleveland. Miss Russell succeeds Miss Byrne, who, having been connected with Lakeside for three years, gives up institutional work for an extended rest.

MISS AMABELLA McCRAE has been appointed second assistant to Miss Doliver at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Miss McCrae is a graduate of the McLean Hospital for the Insane and the Massachusetts General Hospital schools, and has been for six years the assistant matron of the City Hospital of Quincy, Mass. She commenced her duties on February 1.

MISS ELEANOR CHESTNUT, who was trained under Miss McIsaac at the Illinois Training-School in Chicago, and afterwards studied medicine, is now in charge of a hospital in North China as a medical missionary. Miss McIsaac gives us the very delightful bit of news that Dr. Chestnut has just translated Mrs. Robb's book on nursing into Chinese.

MISS ALICE PAGE, St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, 1897, has accepted the position of head nurse of the Cleveland Visiting Nurse Association. Miss Page brings to her new work considerable experience, as she was for some time connected with the Visiting Nurse Association of Chicago and also helped to organize district nursing in Columbus.

ON the evening of January 31 appropriate exercises were held at St. Peter's Hospital Training-School for Nurses, Charlotte, N. C., when a class of three nurses was graduated, being the first class to graduate from that school. They were Miss Susie Mott, Miss Effie Ellen McNeill, and Miss Annie Alice Powers, all from North Carolina.

MISS MARY GRACE HILLS has accepted the position of assistant nurse of the District Nurse Association of Middletown, Conn. Miss Hills is a graduate of the Rhode Island Hospital, where she remained as assistant for some time, and for four years she was superintendent of the Training-School of the Central Maine Hospital, Lewiston, Me.

MISS MABEL STOCK, a graduate of the Toronto General Hospital Training-School, Class of 1901, has been appointed superintendent of nurses in the Parry Sound Hospital. Miss Hyde, Class of 1900, goes to Sudbury as superintendent of the hospital there.

MISS CARRIE S. LONEB has resigned her position as principal of the Training-School of the Samaritan Hospital, at Sioux City, Ia., and on June 1 will assume the duties of superintendent of the Training-School of the Jewish Hospital, Philadelphia, Pa.

MISS BLANCHE THAYER, for many years the matron of the City Hospital of Quincy, Mass., has gone on a long vacation trip to Europe. Miss Charlotte M. Perry will have charge of the hospital during her absence.

MISS ADELAIDE NUTTING, principal of the Training-School of the Johns Hopkins Hospital, has been granted a leave of absence and will start on April 1 for a six-months' trip abroad.

MISS MARGARET O'GRADY has taken charge of the Training-School for Nurses at the Wheeling Hospital, W. Va. Miss O'Grady is a Johns Hopkins Graduate of the Class of 1899.

MISS BURNS-GIBSON, a graduate of the Children's Hospital of Toronto, Can., has accepted the position of superintendent of the Orphans' Home in Middletown, Conn.

MISS EMMA HOLLAND, a graduate of the Illinois Training-School, will take charge of the Samaritan Hospital at Sioux City, Ia., May 1.

MISS AGNES S. BRENNON has resigned as superintendent of the Training-School connected with Bellevue Hospital, New York.

THE pupils of the Lakeside Hospital on January 18 started their obstetrical training in the New York Lying-in Hospital.

MISS ELIZABETH MILLSAUGH has resigned the position of general superintendent of the hospital at Marion, Ind.

